



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Pickens Middle School
PICKENS COUNTY
Grades: 6-8
Enrollment: 755
Principal: Jeff Duncan
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

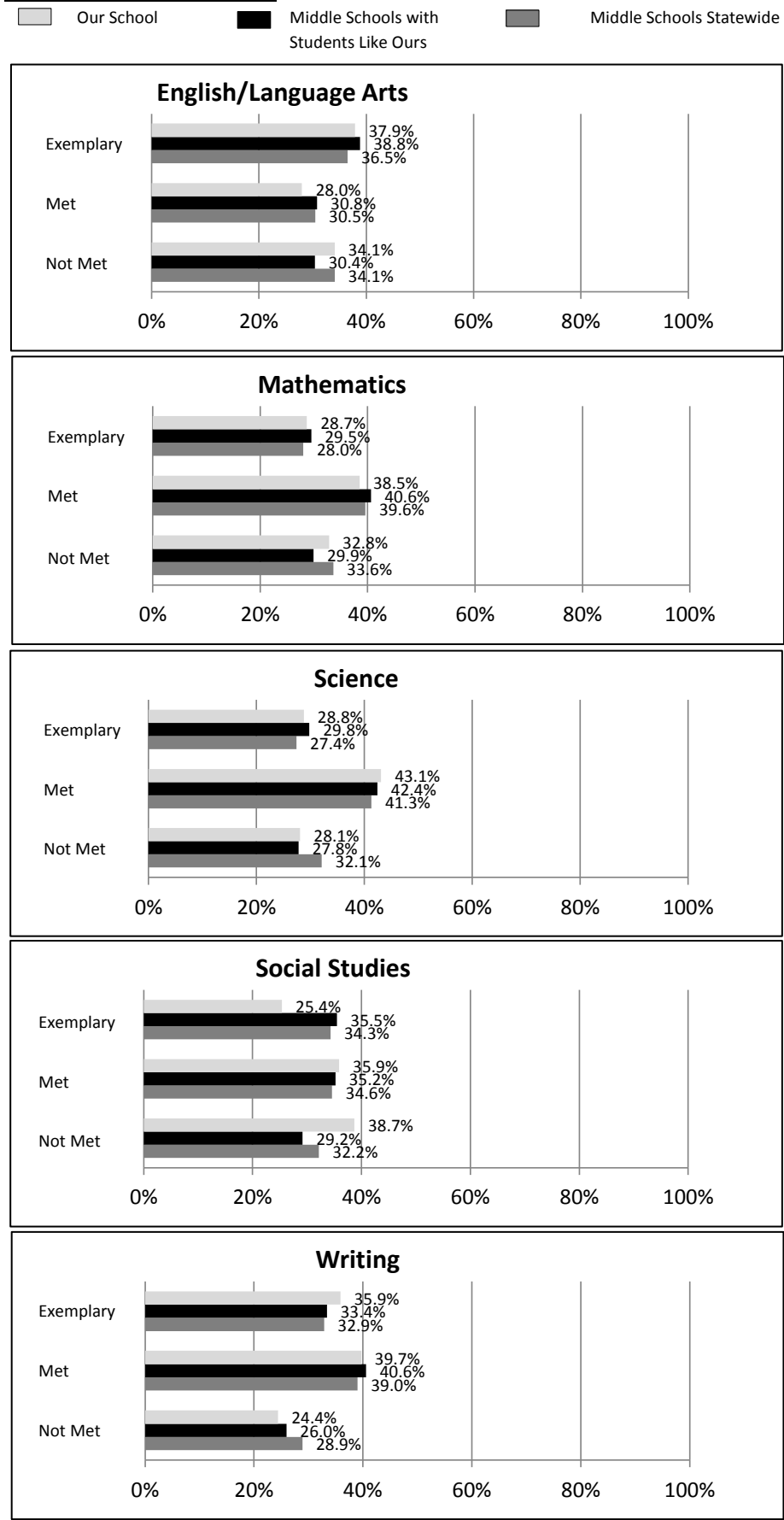
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.					
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM		
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator	
2014	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	C	N/A	
2013	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	B	N/A	
2012	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	C	N/A	

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
6	17	33	2	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2013)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	27	43	27	3
Nation	23	42	31	4

MATH - GRADE 8 (2013)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	31	38	23	8
Nation	27	39	26	8

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2011)

	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
South Carolina	39	33	27	1
Nation	36	34	29	2

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2014

% of Students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0%	98.6%
English 1	100.0%	95.7%
Biology 1	N/A	N/A
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0%	98.3%

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle Schools
Students (n = 755)				
Students Enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	77.6%	Up from 74.6%	34.3%	26.0%
Retention rate	1.9%	Down from 3.0%	0.9%	0.6%
Attendance rate	95.3%	Down from 95.8%	96.0%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	23.5%	Up from 23.4%	22.0%	19.4%
With disabilities	17.2%	Up from 14.8%	13.0%	12.8%
Older than usual for grade	6.0%	Up from 5.7%	4.7%	4.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 45)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.3%	Up from 62.5%	62.5%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	91.1%	Up from 85.4%	80.7%	75.9%
Teachers returning from previous year	84.2%	Down from 85.4%	86.7%	85.4%
Teacher attendance rate	95.7%	Up from 94.0%	94.9%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,448	Up 3.1%	\$48,422	\$47,081
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	7.0%	Up from 0.0%	4.1%	5.8%
Professional development days/teacher	11.7 days	Down from 13.7 days	11.1 days	10.6 days
School				
Principal's years at school	0.0	Down from 6.0	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	26.2 to 1	Up from 23.6 to 1	23.0 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.9%	Up from 87.1%	89.7%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	88.0%	Down from 99.8%	98.9%	99.0%
Character development program	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$17,703	Up 141.9%	\$7,377	\$7,616
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	59.0%	Down from 60.0%	62.6%	62.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	58.7%	Up from 57.0%	61.5%	61.3%
ESEA composite index score	73.6	Down from 84.4	80.7	77.9

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	209	64
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	82.3%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	88.2%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	81.1%	88.6%	62.9%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pickens Middle School, a 2012 SC Education in the Environment School, a 2011 National School to Watch, National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a National Service Learning Leader School, works daily with parent/guardians and the community to emphasize high academic achievement, career awareness, citizenship through diverse learning opportunities in a secure and caring environment, and an overall attitude of excellence in all that we do. Our main goal is to maximize the potential of each student on campus through all of our instructional programs and initiatives. This year we moved into a newly renovated 150,000 square-foot facility that has provided over 50,000 square-feet of additional classroom and instructional space for our students to use. The new layout of the school has assisted in providing age-appropriate interaction consistently throughout the school day as each grade-level has its own hallway. We seek to improve student achievement by reading daily in school-wide silent sustained reading, creating career awareness through job shadowing activities, and recognizing student achievement through a variety of PBIS models on campus. The faculty participates in numerous staff development opportunities through national, state, and local professional development. Through a team planning model, instructional strategies are tailored to meet the needs of our students. Additionally, Pickens Middle is now a certified "Green Steps" school because of its involvement in South Carolina's Resource Concervation Challenge. it is our belief that my enlisting the support of the faculty, staff, parent/guardians, and the community, we will achieve our goal of preparing students for life after Pickens Middle as our students prepare to be part of the 21st Century work force.

Jeff Duncan, Principal
Improvement Council

Don Lundquist, School

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